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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION ON N-BUTANOL

1. Post received a letter dated March 7, 2005 from the Department of Trade Defense of the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade, notifying the USG of Brazil's intention to initiate an anti-dumping investigation concerning exports to Brazil of n-butanol originating from the U.S.A. and South Africa. An unofficial translation of the text of the letter follows in paragraph 2. Original will be filed at Post.

2. Start Text.

Note no. 484/DECOM/CGAP

Rio de Janeiro, March 7, 2005

Ambassador,

I refer to the petition from Elekeiroz S.A., which requested initiation of an anti-dumping investigation on exports of n-Butanol to Brazil, originating from the U.S.A. and South Africa, classified under NCM/SH 2905.13.00 of the Common Mercosul Nomenclature.

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of art. 21 of Decree no. 1.602 of 8/23/95, I am notifying the Embassy that the Secretariat of Foreign Trade, of the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade, decided to initiate an investigation (see SECEX Circular no. 10, published in the Diario Oficial da Uniao of March 2, 2005, a copy of which is attached), according to the sole paragraph of article 61 of the above referenced decree.

It should be mentioned that according to art. 31, also contained in Decree no. 1.602 of 1995, you or a representative designated by you, can request meetings up to the date of convocation of the final audience, to be advised by this Department, with or without participation of the other interested parties, for the purpose of discussing essential aspects of the process and stating your opinions.

It is worth remembering that according to art. 39 of the same decree, the investigation will be concluded within one year of its initiation, except in exceptional circumstances when the term can be up to eighteen months.

Interested parties should designate their qualifications, formally indicating their representatives to DECOM; any document forwarded by the parties should be signed by their duly licensed representative for this purpose. In case of a power of attorney from abroad, it should clearly identify and qualify parties granting and receiving the power of attorney, and be legalized by a Brazilian diplomatic representative in the respective country.

In accordance with paragraph 4 of art. 21 of Decree 1.602/95, I am attaching the complete text of the petition used to initiate the investigation.

I point out that all interested parties, once qualified, can have access to DECOM documents in this investigation, which will be available to settle any eventual doubts at (55-21) 2126-1298/1297/1301.

Please be advised that according to Art. 27 of Decree no. 1.602 of 1995, known U.S. manufacturers and exporters, listed in Annex I, will be sent a questionnaire for purposes of the investigation. If you know of the existence of other U.S. manufacturers and/or exporters of n-Butanol, not listed in said Annex, please inform this department of their complete name and address, so that they may be given an opportunity to respond to the questionnaire along with the others.

(signed Armando de Mello Meziat)
Director of Department of Trade Defense

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